

# **CHAPTER 30**

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### 31 National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) Organization

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

### 32 Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group (AWFCG)

Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group (AWFCG) fosters safety, cooperation, coordination, collaboration and communication for wildland fire management and related activities in the State of Alaska. The AWFCG is the leadership focus for planning and implementing interagency fire management statewide. Refer to the *Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group Memorandum of Understanding* and the *Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group Standard Operating Plan*.

#### 32.1 AWFCG Composition

The AWFCG membership is composed of the following agencies and organizations:

State of Alaska

Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)

Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G)

Department of Natural Resources (ADNR)

United States Department of the Interior (USDI)

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

National Park Service (NPS)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

U. S. Forest Service (USFS)

Alaska Native Representatives

Chugachmiut (consortium)

Association of Village Council Presidents (consortium) (AVCP)

Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC)

Structural Fire Departments and Other Organizations

Anchorage Fire Department (AFD)

#### 32.2 Alaska Multi-Agency Coordinating Group Activation

When necessary (required at) a Multi-Agency Coordinating Group will be activated on a situational basis to address statewide or multi-regional issues of resource availability and allocation.. Activation is required at Alaska Preparedness Level 4 & 5 per the *Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group Standard Operating Plan*. See Section 33 of this guide.

### **33 Alaska Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (Alaska MAC or AMAC)**

The Alaska MAC Group represents the agencies from which it is comprised. In complex situations as described in the Alaska Preparedness Plan, the Alaska MAC Group along with a Multi-Agency Coordination support organization may be organized to facilitate collective agency administrator decision making. The Alaska Multi-Agency Coordination system consists of the designated members and a MAC Group coordinator.

The typical situations requiring the Alaska MAC Group to convene are:

- Multiple incidents, or a complex single incident, requiring involvement of multiple agencies.
- Competition for scarce resources.
- Pre-defined preparedness levels are reached.

The Alaska Preparedness Plan provides direction to the Alaska MAC Group when multi-agency coordination is to occur on a statewide basis. The AICC maintains the Alaska Preparedness Plan.

Refer to the *Alaska MAC Group Operations Handbook, 2007-2010*.

#### **33.1 Director's Delegations**

Agency representatives are directors or management level personnel from those agencies having jurisdictional responsibility. All members are fully authorized by a written delegation of authority to represent their agency in wildland fire related operations.

#### **33.2 Alaska MAC Mission**

The Alaska MAC Group provides a forum to discuss actions to be taken to ensure that an adequate number of resources are available to meet anticipated needs and to allocate those resources most efficiently during periods of shortage.

The Alaska MAC Group forum will ensure coordinated:

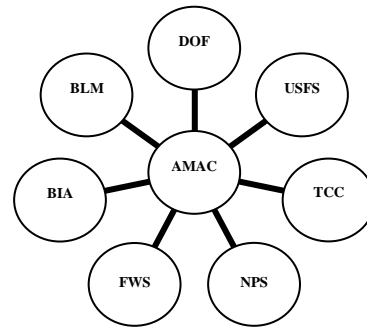
- Incident prioritization
- Resource allocation and acquisition
- State and federal disaster response or coordination
- Political interfaces
- Information provided to media and agencies involved
- Anticipation of future needs
- Identification and resolution of issues common to all parties

#### **33.3 Alaska MAC Representatives**

The Alaska MAC group will be comprised of representatives from the following

agencies/entities:

Alaska DNR Division of Forestry  
 U.S. Forest Service  
 Bureau of Land Management  
 National Park Service  
 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
 Bureau of Indian Affairs  
 Native Claims Act (NCA) Lands



There may be a need for representation from other agencies or entities on a case-by-case basis during MAC Group activation. This will be determined by the MAC Group as the situation warrants. The MAC Chair will contact those respective agencies/entities to arrange for representation.

### 33.4 Alaska MAC and the AICC Manager

The AICC Manager will notify the MAC Group Chair to discuss activation of the Alaska MAC Group as outlined in the Alaska Preparedness Plan.

Responsibilities of the AICC Manager are:

- Recommend MAC group activation.
- Identify meeting location.
- Assign a MAC Group Coordinator.
- Recommend issues needing MAC group action.
- Assemble supporting personnel (in conjunction with MAC Coordinator) and provide intelligence reporting as required to adequately brief the MAC Group.
- Provide annual review of the MAC Group Operations Handbook.

### 33.5 Alaska MAC Activation Procedures

Activation will proceed when one or more conditions exist:

- As directed per the Alaska Preparedness Plan.
- When the intensity of the situation significantly impacts or involves multiple agencies.
- When issues regarding competition for resources amongst multiple agencies occur.
- National Preparedness Level 5 to allow Alaska to respond to requests or direction from the National MAC Group.

The decision to activate the Alaska MAC Group will be made by the AICC Manager and the MAC Group Chair. The MAC Group Chair will notify the other MAC representatives.

### **33.6 Alaska MAC Activities by Preparedness Level**

#### **33.6.01 Preparedness Levels 1 & 2**

The Alaska MAC Group will not be activated. Individual MAC group members will be responsible for review of the daily situation reports prepared by the AICC.

#### **33.6.02 Preparedness Level 3**

The Alaska MAC Group will be placed in “on-call status.”

This notification will be provided by the AICC Manager. MAC group members will continue to monitor activity in Alaska by reviewing the daily situation reports prepared by the AICC.

#### **33.6.03 Preparedness Levels 4 & 5**

The Alaska MAC Group and MAC Group Coordinator will be activated. This notification will be provided by the AICC Manager. MAC Group members will be assembled as directed by the MAC Group Chair or MAC Coordinator. Activation may involve daily conference calls or face-to-face meetings.

#### **33.6.04 Alaska MAC Group Meeting Objectives:**

- Information update – fire weather and fire situation.
- Set incident priorities.
- Allocate and re-allocate scarce resources.
- Determine need for contingency plans.
- Provide/recommend direction to local area administrators.

### **33.7 Alaska MAC Group De-activation**

This will occur as the situation moderates and preparedness levels no longer warrant the MAC Group’s role. The recommendation to de-activate can be made by any member of the MAC Group and voted on by all members.

The MAC Group Coordinator may remain activated with support personnel as needed to complete necessary documentation, secure records, and to reactivate if the situation warrants.

## **34 Incident Support Organization (ISO)**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.